

*Welcome to the **Homeless Liaison list**. This listserv is a communication between the SD-DOE State Homeless Coordinator and the school districts' liaisons.*

The South Dakota Department of Education, Office of Education of Homeless Children and Youth hosts the South Dakota Local Educational Agency Homeless Liaison Listserv. The purpose of the listserv is to foster communication among educators, advocates, and the SD Department of Education to ensure homeless children and youth have access, enrollment, and transportation to a quality, mainstream education within the guidelines of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001.

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Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
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Periodically, you will be receiving a short newsletter pertaining to the education of homeless children and youth. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Laura.Johnson-Frame@state.sd.us . Where it is appropriate your questions and comments will be shared with all liaisons across South Dakota.

New State Coordinator

Hi, everyone. I am Laura Johnson Frame the new coordinator and author of this newsletter. I came to the Department of Education on October 12 to serve as the coordinator of the Neglected, Delinquent, At-Risk and Homeless Children and Youth Programs. Prior to coming to the Department, I worked for the Sixth Circuit - Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) for abused/neglected children as executive director and prior to that I was a manager at the South Dakota Education Association. I am a native South Dakotan and have lived in Pierre for 25 years. I'm very happy to be in the Department and look forward to helping you in anyway.

DOE Website

The Department of Education is in the process of updating its website. This is a big process and hopefully the Homeless Education section will be updated sooner rather than later. In the meantime, you may access the site at this address:
www.state.sd.us/deca/TA/homeless/index.htm

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